Approved for use through 04/30/2009. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number. Substitute for form 1449A/PTO Complete if Known INFORMATION DISCLOSURE 09/937,542 **Application Number** STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Sep 26, 2001 **Filing Date** BELL, Michael **First Named Inventor** 3734 **Art Unit** Nguyen, VI X **Examiner Name** (Use as many sheets as necessary) Attorney Docket No: 40198-324831 of 4 Sheet

			U.S. PA	TENT DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials *	Cite No ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ²	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	1	D258310	2/17/1981	LaHaye	
	2	1,624,640	4/12/1927	W.M. Tietz	
	3	3,187,431	6/8/1965	I. Mattes	
	4	3,609,864	10/5/1971	R.C. Bassett	
	5	3,706,106	12/19/1972	Leopoldi	
	6	3,798,688	3/26/1974	Wasson	
	7	4,389,778	6/28/1983	Hakansson	
	8	4,646,440	3/3/1987	Decker	
	9	4,660,287	4/28/1987	Decker	
	10	4,922,614	5/8/1990	Machida	
	11	4,941,232	7/17/1990	Decker et al.	
	12	5,207,969	5/4/1993	Matwijcow	
	13	5,312,429	5/17/1994	Noack	
	14	5,431,672	7/11/1995	Cote et al.	
	15	5,423,843	6/13/1995	Werner	

[•] EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant: Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional) 2See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.usplo.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WiPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1, 197 and 1,98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentially is governed by This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1,197 and 1,98. The information of retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentially is governed by User 1,197 and 1,98. The information of the user 1,197 and

Approved for use through 04/30/2009. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

INFORMATION I	DISCLOSURE		Complete if Known		
STATEMENT BY		Application Number	09/937,542		
		Filing Date	Sep 26, 2001		
		First Named Inventor	BELL, Michael		
		Art Unit	3734		
		Examiner Name	Nguyen, VI X		
(Use as many sheet	ts as necessary)				

16	5,571,127	11/5/1996	DeCampli	
17	5,496,340	3/5/1996	Abidin et al.	
18	5,531,754	7/2/1996	Shackelford, Sr. et al.	
19	5,662,669	9/2/1997	Abidin et al.	
20	5,792,162	8/11/1998	Jolly et al.	
21	5,908,432	6/1/1999	Pan	
	5,938,675	8/17/1999	Gharibian	
22		8/17/1999	Cohn et al.	
23	5,938,676		Flumene et al.	
24	6,022,364	2/8/2000		
25	6,626,925	9/30/2003	Newman et al.	
26	6,629,985	10/7/2003	Kiehne	
27	6,757,977	7/6/2004	Dambal et al.	
28	6,949,109	9/27/2005	lske et al.	
29	2004/0098001	5/20/2004	Holman	
30	2005/0065541	3/24/2005	Abidin et al.	
31	D263445	3/23/1982	Gordin et al.	

[•] EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant: Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional) 2See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.usplo.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3.) 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1, 197 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR. 14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS, SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

PTO/SB/08 (03-09)

Approved for use through 04/30/2009. OMB 0651-0351

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute	e for form 1449A	PTO					
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			IRF		Complete if Known		
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT				Application Number	09/937,542		
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •				Filing Date	Sep 26, 2001		
				First Named Inventor	BELL, Michael		
				Art Unit	3734		
				Examiner Name	Nguyen, VI X		
(6	Use as many she	ets as necessary)					
Sheet	3	of	4	Attorney Docket No: 4	10198-324831		

[
	3	2	D345290	3/22/1994	Sauber	

Examiner Initials*	Country Code		Publication Date	PATENT DOCUMENTS Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
	33	CA 2 128 120	1/16/1996	Haining		<u> </u>
	34	WO 0061014	10/19/2000	Canica Design, Inc. et al.		ļ
	35	WO 03/068079	8/21/2003	Masury et al.		ļ
	36	WO 04/045428	6/3/2004	Milton, et al.		<u> </u>
	37	WO 05/089202	9/29/2005	Griffin, et al.		<u> </u>
	38	CH 84163	6/12/1919	Kunz		L.,
	39	DE 1144437	2/28/1963	Irmgard Mattes Geb Kohler		X
	40	DE 297 03 402	4/24/1997	Aesculap Werke AG [DE]		

PTO/SB/08 (03-09)

Approved for use through 04/30/2009. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

	for form 1449A/		, no persons a	are required to respond to a concertor.	of information unless it contains a valid Givib control number
INFOR	MATION	DISCLOSU	RF		Complete if Known
		Y APPLICA		Application Number	09/937,542
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •				Filing Date	Sep 26, 2001
				First Named Inventor	BELL, Michael
				Art Unit	3734
				Examiner Name	Nguyen, VI X
(U	lse as many she	ets as necessary)			
Sheet	4	of	4	Attorney Docket No: 4	10198-324831

		NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T²
			-

[•] EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional) 25ee Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible, indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible, 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1, 197 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by USPTO 1.00 process of the process of